

Appl. No. 09/324,149
Amdt. dated October 4, 2004
Reply to Office Action of August 23, 2004

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 23, 2004.

In the Office Action, claims 1-23 are rejected, and claims 24-28 are allowed.

The Examiner is sincerely and earnestly thanked for the indication of allowability.

Although Applicants do not agree with the rejections of record, Applicants are canceling the rejected claims to secure the allowance of claims 24-28. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application to pursue the subject matter of the rejected claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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